

21. M/s. Sat Sangeet Party, Darbhanga.
22. M/s. Warsi Brothers Qawal Party, Mazatfarpur.
23. M/s. Surya Narain Thakur, Bhajnopeshk, Bahera, Darbhanga.
24. M/s. Jagrati, Jamshedpur.
25. M/s. Mashuk Ahmed Shoj Qawal & Party, Madhubani.
26. M/s. Radhe Madhav Mandali, Jagatpur, Madhubani.
27. M/s. Hindustan Mitra Mandal Natya Samiti, Jamshedpur.
28. M/s. Kanhaiya Lal Yadav & Party, Hajaribagh.
29. M/s. Sarswali Sangeet Mandli, Munger.
30. M/s. Prayas Drama Troup, Patna.
31. M/s. Radha Mohan Sanskritik Dal, Madhubani.
32. M/s. Munda Sanskriti Vikas Samiti, Ranchi.
33. M/s. Santhali Kabigan Mandali, Dumka, Bihar.
34. M/s. Adivasi Lok Nritya Mandli, Lumbai, Bihar.
35. M/s. Oran Sanskritik Sangh, Ranchi.
36. M/s. Adivasi Kala Kendra, Hatea, Bihar.
37. M/s. Kumrnanand Nut Party, Bas-tar, Bihar.

Correspondents in AIR and Door-darshan Preparing Hindi News

645. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time Correspondents in All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra collecting and preparing Hindi news;

(b) the number of full time Correspondents in each All India Radio Station and Doordarshan Kendra, and the languages used by them; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government for increasing the number of Correspondents collecting and preparing informations in Hindi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) to (c). There are at present 151 full time correspondents in All India Radio and Doordarshan. These correspondents were not recruited for any specific language. At present, 28 correspondents of All India Radio are filing their reports in Hindi. All India Radio/Doordarshan have no plans, at present, to recruit more correspondents.

Information Officer Preparing Hindi release in Press Information Bureau.

646. SHRI. RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no Information Officer in Press Information Bureau; for preparing Hindi release;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to appoint Information Officer for issuing Hindi press release;

(c) the number of Hindi press releases issued during the last one year; and

(d) whether Hindi press releases are

issued only after getting these translated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Press Information Bureau has a well-established Hindi Unit manned by Information Officers and Assistant Information Officers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) About 72% of the total releases i.e., about 2,500.

(d) Most of the Hindi releases are translated from releases originally issued in English. But Hindi Unit also issues original releases and special articles in Hindi.

Criteria for Approving Programmes on Doordarshan

647. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for approving programmes under sponsored programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) the number of T.V. serials received for approval by the Government during the last two years under sponsored programmes; and

(c) the reasons for delay in approving / rejecting these programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Doordarshan endeavours to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment. Particular preference is given to programmes which.

(i) promote good socio-cultural values;

(ii) seek to inculcate in the viewers equal respect for different religions, languages, schools of thought, cultures etc.; promote national integration and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(iii) project fairly, the rich cultural diversity of the country;

(iv) promote the welfare of the weaker sections of the society and reflect the life of the people of rural India;

(v) promote healthy respect for the place of women in our society and highlight the aspirations and problems of youth; and

(vi) seek to promote a scientific temper amongst the viewers.

(b) According to Doordarshan, they received, in all, 3545 proposals for sponsored programmes against their invitation of October, 1990.

(c) The delay is mainly on account of the large number of proposals received and the time taken to evaluate them in a comprehensive and equitable manner.

[English]

Electronic Exchanges in Maharashtra

648. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan for installation of S.T.D. and electronic exchanges in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri Districts and Maharashtra along with the details of equipment released as per plan;

(b) whether Very High Frequency facility is being installed along with the electronic exchanges; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?